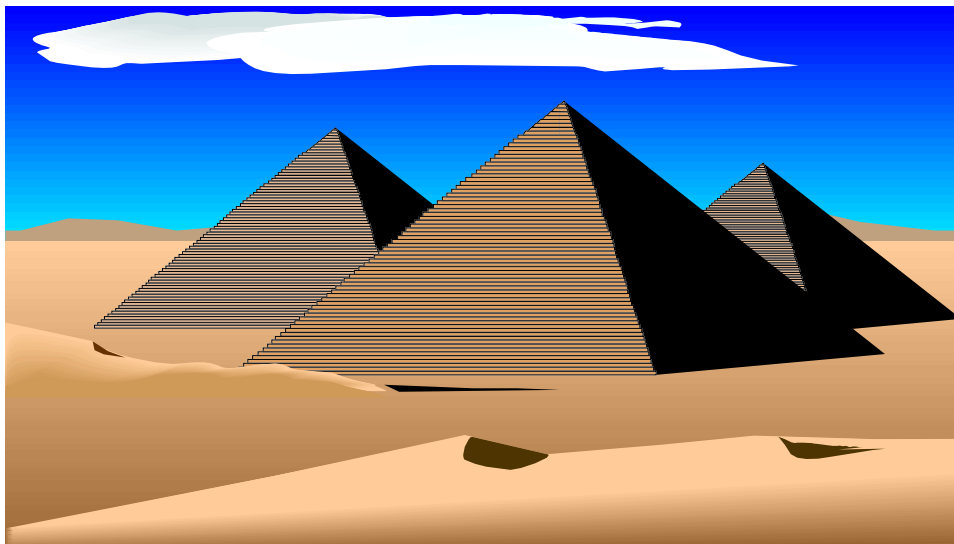


AFRICA

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In Northern Africa, the principal religion is Islam. The culture and customs are similar to those of the Middle Eastern Moslem nations. In these countries, you should conduct yourself with the same reserve as in the Mideast, respecting religious observances, and maintaining a polite, social relationship with host country friends and their families. Women are often required to maintain a low profile.



Africa has always been described as vast, and it is! The customs of the many cultures of this continent derive from the great variety of indigenous civilizations, influenced by conquering and colonizing nations from Europe and the Middle East.

CUSTOMS

The spirit of nationalism has sketched swift change in the map of Africa. Since 1950, many new nations have become part of the world community. In this active, changing political picture, "politics" should not be a topic of conversation.

Customs are ethnic and tribal rather than national throughout Africa. A thorough study of the history of the tribe or peoples who have settled in the area where you will be living and traveling will help you best.

As is the custom everywhere, when a host friend invites you to his home, a small gift is in order. Chocolates, dates, nuts or a small souvenir of the U.S. are favored gifts, although flowers are also welcome.

SEE AND SHOP

A tour of duty in Africa affords you the opportunity to do some exotic shopping.

From beautiful copperware and hand-made wood products to precious gems and hand painted fabrics, the selection of unusual items is endless.

You can take home with you unbelievable pictures and stories of travel throughout this continent.

Imagine telling stories of journeying across the Sahara Desert by bus, car and camel, taking a world renowned boat ride up the Nile River or traveling on a safari through Kenya? The Special Services office on your base will be able to assist you in planning and arranging tours.

Have fun!